

## Power Hour Makes a Difference

### Delaware Club has the numbers to prove it

Simon Circle Boys & Girls Club in Dover, Delaware turns into a Power Hour zone each day after school. Every area in the Club – gamesroom, computer lab, multipurpose room and even the gymnasium – is filled with kids, volunteers and staff working on homework or related academic activity. “Truly, the power of the hour is seen in the improvement our kids make in their grade achievement and ultimately in the way it builds productive citizens,” says Suchi Hiraesave, the grants administrator at Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware.



**Simon Circle Club members hitting the books during Power Hour.**

The highlight of the program in 2000-2001: the Simon Circle Club had 64% of its Power Hour participants on honor roll, compared to 12-15% in the previous year.

The impact of the program can be seen in the numbers below.

<b>Areas Improved</b>	<b>2001/2002</b>	<b>2003/2004</b> <i>(current school year based on second semester)</i>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
Language Arts	82.5% maintained A, B, or C average	88.9% maintained A, B, or C average	6.4%
Math	75% maintained A, B, or C	88% maintained an A, B, or C	13%
Science	75% maintained A, B, or C	88.1% maintained an A, B, or C	13%
Social Studies	62.5% maintained A, B, or C average	92.9% maintained an A, B, or C	30.4%

Thanks, Power Hour...and thanks to [JCPenney Afterschool Fund](#) for sponsoring this program in Clubs across the country!

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